

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1155

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. John Lynwood Herrington, Jr. of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. John Lynwood Herrington, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herrington was an exemplary physician and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Lynwood Herrington served with great acumen and ability as Clinical Professor of Surgery at Vanderbilt and a teaching clinical professor of surgery at both Vanderbilt and St. Thomas Hospitals; his private practice of surgery encompassed over 45 years, earning him the respect of his peers throughout his profession for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born November 24, 1919, in Waynesboro, Georgia, the only child of the late Kathleen Cates and John Lynwood Herrington, Sr., J. Lynwood Herrington, Jr. grew up in Waynesboro, excelling not only academically but also athletically in football and track and field. He left home to attend Vanderbilt University, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and earned his undergraduate degree before going on to graduate from Vanderbilt Medical School in 1945; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, he served a tour of duty in the United States Army and then in 1950 was called back for the Korean War, and was stationed at the Far East Medical Corps in Yokohama, Japan; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Dr. Herrington served as a Visiting Professor at many institutions throughout the nation and was a member of several surgical organizations, including the Southern Surgical Association, where he served as President; additionally, he was a member of the Western Surgical Association, the American Surgical

Association, the Tennessee Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, the Nashville Surgical Society, the H. William Scott Society and the Georgia Surgical Society; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Vanderbilt and St. Thomas Departments of Surgery established The Herrington Lectureship in recognition of his contributions and accomplishments in the field of surgery. In the arena of Gastric Surgery, he was the author of more than 300 published articles in peer reviewed publications, contributed to volumes of chapters in medical textbooks, and was a noted expert in and pioneered the surgical technique for Vagotomy Antrectomy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herrington was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, which he served faithfully for many years. Also, he was a member of the Belle Meade Country Club. Dr. Herrington acquired a love of the outdoors early in life, and was a member of the Davy Crockett Hunting Club and a Founding Benefactor of the Ward Waterfowl Foundation in Salisbury, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, a great lover of duck hunting, Dr. Herrington became very interested in and conversant regarding the art of decorative decoy carvings and the history and folklore behind the carvers and their carvings. Dr. Herrington and his family own one of the premier collections of birds of prey and waterfowl carvings in the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Lynwood Herrington, Jr. was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 62 years, Mary Alene Edwards Herrington, whom he met at the Phi Delta Theta house while a student at Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herrington was the proud father of Kathleen Herrington Davidson, John Lynwood Herrington III, Leonard Edwards Herrington, Frank Cates Herrington, Julie Herrington Haffner, Adelaide Herrington Geer, Susan Herrington Vaughn, and the late Mary Alene Herrington, and was the doting grandfather of 21 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herrington leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional physician, imparter of knowledge, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. J. Lynwood Herrington, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Herrington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.